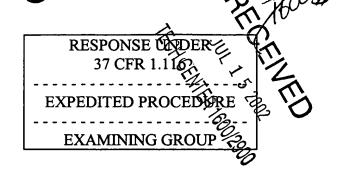


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Filed: April 9, 1998	)	Art Unit: 1641
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## NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

To: BOX: AF

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the April 2, 2002 decision of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-3 and 5-9. The Final Action set a shortened three-month statutory time period for response; as such a response must be filed on or before July 2, 2002. Therefore, this Notice of Appeal is timely filed. It is 01 FC:119 320.00 0P

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believed that no additional fees for extension of time are due, however, if any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 02-4467.

A check in the amount of \$320 for the Appeal Fee is enclosed. If our check is missing or otherwise insufficient, or if any additional fees are required, for example, for lodging this appeal or for filing the Appeal Brief, not otherwise paid by check, the Commissioner is authorized to charge (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 02-4467.

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